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SUBJECT: ISRAELI PRESS ON TRANSIT OF CARGO THROUGH SUEZ CANAL.

1. ALL NEWSPAPERS OCTOBER 22 REPORT A DELAY IN PASSAGE OF ISRAELI CARGO THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL AND ATTRIBUTE IT TO TECHNICAL RATHER THAN POLITICAL REASONS.

2. JERUSALEM POST QUOTES INFORMED SOURCES IN JERUSALEM AS SAYING THAT TRANSIT OF CARGO "WILL BE POSTPONED FOR SEVERAL DAYS... THE DELAY WAS CAUSED BY 'LOADING AND TECHNICAL REASONS'... THERE WERE NO POLITICAL OBSTACLES IN THE WAY OF THE CARGO TRANSIT..." SOURCES ADDED THAT THE TRANSIT WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH.

3. JERUSALEM POST NOTES THAT "THIS WILL MEAN, IN EFFECT, THAT THE SAILING WILL COINCIDE WITH PRESIDENT SADAT'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON--AND HE IS CERTAIN TO MAKE USE OF IT IN HIS EFFORTS TO FOSTER A BENEVOLENT AND MODERATE IMAGE OF HIMSELF IN THE EYES OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION..."

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THE PAPER ADDS HOWEVER, THAT SOURCES HERE "DENIED...THAT

THIS HAD BEEN SADAT'S DESIGN ALL ALONG; TO DELAY THE TRANSIT UNTIL THE DATE OF HIS WASHINGTON VISIT. THEY INSISTED THAT UNAVOIDABLE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS HAD PREVENTED AN EARLIER SAILING..."

4. MAARIV ADDS THAT "PM RABIN YESTERDAY REPORTED TO THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SECURITY COMMITTEE ON THE FULL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE MATTER..." SHIPPING CIRCLES ARE QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "EVERYTHING WAS READY FOR THE CANAL TRANSIT TODAY, BUT EGYPT HAS ADVISED ISRAEL THROUGH THE US OF THE TECHNICAL PROBLEM, "WHICH ISRAEL CONSIDERED VALID."

5. MAARIV REPORTER IN WASHINGTON (SEGEV) WRITES THAT "CONTRARY TO REPORTS IN THE ISRAELI PRESS, THE US DID NOT INFORM ISRAEL OF EGYPTIAN COMPLAINTS ABOUT ADVANCE PRESS PUBLICITY AND DID NOT DEMAND FURTHER POSTPONEMENT. AMERICAN OFFICIALS TAKE IT FOR GRANTED THAT THE 'TRIAL CARGO' WILL PASS AS PLANNED."

6. HATZOFE AND AL-HAMISHMER CARRY UP STORY FROM CAIRO QUOTING GOVERNMENT SOURCES THERE AS SAYING "EGYPT WILL HONOR ITS OBLIGATION REGARDING THE PASSAGE OF NON-MILITARY CARGO THROUGH THE SUEX CANAL TO AND FROM ISRAEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SECOND EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI SEPARATION AGREEMENT..."
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